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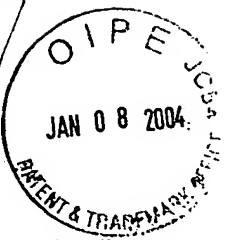
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Sir:

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Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

A completed modified PTO-1449 form listing the documents to which the Examiner's attention is directed and copies of those documents are presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience.

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The undersigned may be reached at: 920-721-7760.

Respectfully submitted,

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